

Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 16th, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- To say that things are heating up in the Middle-East would be a gross understatement by virtue of so much happening so fast.
- The whole world globally, not just the Middle-East specifically, is coming apart as the prophetic pieces of the puzzle come together.
- For today's update, I would like to draw your attention to a number of recent headlines that point to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

Sunday, January 2nd, 2011 - Bloomberg - Ahmadinejad Dismisses 14 Advisers in Latest Shakeup of His Administration

Sunday, January 2nd, 2011 - New York Times - A Triage to Save the Ruins of Babylon

Tuesday, January 4th, 2011 - Los Angeles Times - A growing list of Latin American nations moving to recognize a Palestinian state

Thursday, January 6th, 2011 - New York Sun - Next Flashpoint in Mideast Could Be Gas Fields Off Mediterranean Coast

Wednesday, January 12th, 2011 - Haaretz - Hezbollah threatens to topple Lebanon government over Hariri probe

Wednesday, January 12th, 2011 - AP - Israeli warplanes in fresh strikes on Gaza

Wednesday, January 12th, 2011 - Haaretz - Egypt to Hamas: Stop Gaza rockets or face new Israel war

Thursday, January 13th, 2011 - Wall Street Journal - Hezbollah Topples Lebanon Government

- By the way, let me parenthetically say, it's because I was born in Lebanon that I get detained at the airport whenever we go to Israel.
- I'm not sure if you heard or not, but there was an interesting story that had come out of Israel as it relates to their airport security.

The Israelis are developing an airport security device that eliminates the privacy concerns that come with full-body scanners at the airports. It's a booth you can step into that will not X-ray you, but will detonate any explosive device you may have on you. They see this as a win-win for everyone, especially those concerned with racial profiling. It also would eliminate the costs of a long and expensive trial, as justice would be swift. So if, the next time we go, you're in the airport terminal and you hear a muffled explosion, then shortly thereafter an announcement comes over the PA system . . . "Attention standby passengers — we now have a seat available on this flight. Shalom!" You'll know what happened.

- Now, it's important to understand that, these articles are from the first two weeks of the new year, and they are all related to Israel.
- Also, these are just a few of the many articles, all of which paint a prophetic picture in how it begins the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.
- There seems to be a common denominator in how the world turns against Israel, and seeks to destroy Israel, for what's in Israel.
- The thought is that the recent discovery of what some are calling "Leviathan" natural gas finds in Israel may be a fulfillment of prophecy.

Deuteronomy 33:19 KJV They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck *of* the abundance of the seas, and *of* treasures hid in the sand.

Ezekiel 38:10-13 KJV Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: (11) And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, (12) To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. (13) Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

Romans 13:11-12 11 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. NIV